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COMMAND HISTORY OF THE
U. S. NAVAL AIR FACILITY, MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA
CALENDAR YEAR 1962

The long awaited Ground Control Approach facility for NAF Monterey was approved by the Chief of Naval Operations on 14 February 1962 and GCA Unit #55 (Special) was assigned. In addition to the greater flight safety which it will provide, this improved instrument landing capability will allow an increase in aircraft utilization during marginal weather conditions in support of the growing needs of the aviators attached to the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School.

RADM Frank AKERS, USN, Commander Naval Air Bases, Twelfth Naval District and Staff conducted the annual Administrative and Material Inspection (FY62) of the Naval Air Facility, Monterey, on 21 March 1962. An overall grade of EXCELLENT was assigned to the Facility and a grade of OUTSTANDING was received by the Medical Department.

During April the General Mess was selected by the Ney Awards Committee as the one providing the most outstanding food service within the Twelfth Naval District competitive group feeding 200 to 700 men.

By the end of April the quality of local weather information emanating from the NAF weather Services was substantially improved by the addition of a Ceilometer and Transmissometer for accurate measurement and recording of cloud ceilings and ground visibilities. The high frequency of low ceilings at this field during hours of darkness makes this equipment a valuable aid towards the improvement of instrument flight safety.

Armed Forces Day on 19 May was celebrated with an open house featuring an aircraft fire fighting exhibition and a helicopter rescue demonstration. A T2J, SNB, T28, HUP-2 and P2V were on hand for examination by 450 guests.

The Naval Intercept Training Facility, Point Pinos, California, was placed in inactive status on 23 May following the completion of equipment preservation and disposition under the guidance of personnel from the Industrial Manager, Twelfth Naval District. Security and maintenance services for this installation will be provided, as in the past, by the Naval Air Facility, Monterey.

Change of Command ceremonies were conducted on 1 June. Captain Richard H. RICE, USN, was relieved as Commanding Officer of the U. S. Naval Air Facility, Monterey, California, by Captain William H. CRAVEN, Jr., USN, before an audience of high ranking military officers and distinguished guests from the Monterey Peninsula. Background music and marching tempos were provided by the 52nd Army Band through the courtesy of the Commanding General, Fort Ord, California.

Captain RICE departed from this Command on 4 June for his next duty assignment at Seoul, Korea, with the Commander in Chief, United Nations Command/Commander, U. S. Forces Korea, as a member of the Joint Staff.

A seventy man marching unit, including a 13 man drill team, participated in the City of Seaside Fourth of July Parade.

The functions of the Navy Monterey Aircraft Control Tower were relinquished to the New Federal Aviation Agency control tower on the South side of the Monterey Peninsula Airport at 1600 PST on 5 September 1962. This terminated sixteen years of air traffic control services by navy trained air controllers who controlled 92,000 civilian and navy air movements during their last 12 month period with a perfect safety record.

Automatic Data Processing made its debut at the NAF in September when the Operations Department devised an IBM prepared weekly flight schedule through the use of U. S. Naval Postgraduate School computer equipment. This new method of flight scheduling has realized great savings in manpower while providing an easily readable form and a more timely means of notifying pilots of future schedules.

The Medical Department played an active role in the Community KO Polio Drive beginning 23 September by operating one of three local school clinics for the dispensing of the polio serum. Ninety-eight percent of the Air Facility personnel and dependents received the immunizations in support of this community health program.

The Public Works Department was instrumental in achieving significant economic gains in October by implementing new equipment and maintenance procedures with the cooperation of the Public Works Department of the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School. A common heavy equipment pool was established between the two commands, transportation requests involving movements outside of the local area are now coordinated, and common maintenance of refrigeration and heating plant apparatus is being conducted by the school.

RADM Frank AKERS, USN, Commander Naval Air Bases, Twelfth Naval District and Staff conducted the Annual Administrative and Material Inspection (FY63) of the Naval Air Facility, Monterey, on 26 October 1962. An overall grade of EXCELLENT was assigned with two of the six departments receiving the coveted OUTSTANDING rating.

RADM William A. STUART, USN, Deputy Naval Inspector General, and Party visited the Naval Air Facility, Monterey, for a short two hour period on 1 November 1962. No significant recommendations or discrepancies were offered or discussed.

The local aircraft noise abatement program received a great boost in November as the combined effects of the relocated aircraft test site and blast fence near the east end of runway 10-28 were realized with gratifying results. This remote location together with the use of the modified North American Sound Suppressor for T-2A's has reduced jet test noise to an insignificant degree and local complaints to a rarity.

Hardware and personnel for GCA Unit #55 Special began to arrive in November. Antenna site and control room construction were initiated in earnest to meet an operational target date of 1 February 1963.

The Main Gate and access road to the Naval Air Facility was relocated on 15 December to the end of Airport Road and within close proximity to the office of the Officer of the Day in order to reduce base traffic and to improve perimeter security.

The 'Fire House Gang' of the Naval Air Facility once again wholeheartedly supported the Monterey Peninsula Christmas Bureau activities through the collection and repair of 65 bicycles and tricycles destined for the needy children of the Peninsula.

Christmas spirit reached a high level at the NAF annual Christmas Party for dependent children on the 22nd of December. The memorable events of the occasion were Santa's arrival by helicopter and a ride on the fire engines.

In the fulfillment of NAF's primary mission a total of 32,600 hours were flown by an average of 670 officer students of the U. S. Naval Postgraduate School engaged in combat readiness training. These hours were accumulated without a single aircraft accident and with only five minor aircraft incidents or hazards. The months of April, August and November were the high hour months, each with over 3,000 hours. Aircraft utilization figures for each type of aircraft are listed below:

<u>No. Assigned</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>	<u>Avg. Utilization per Mo.</u>
19	TC45J (SNB)	14,420	65
12	T2A (T2J)	8,269	59
11	T28	9,790	74
1	UH25B (HUP-2)	119	10

The services performed by the Medical Department in support of naval personnel and dependents living in the Monterey Peninsula Area is indicative by the 30,000 visits recorded, the 33,000 prescriptions filled and the 20,000 immunizations administered.

An overall reenlistment rate of 45% was achieved and 120 enlisted men realized advancement in petty officer grades.

The total authorized allowance is 476 enlisted, 28 officers and 54 civilians. The increase in officer billets were authorized to support GCA Unit #55 Special and the growing needs of the Maintenance Department.

The VIP's listed below used the air facilities of NAF Monterey for visits to local Navy and Army Installations:

	<u>Visited</u>
RADM Allen WINBECK, USCG, Commander Western Area and Commander Twelfth Coast Guard District	USCG Facilities
RADM Fernando Quintanilha Mendonca Dias, Minister of Marine, Portugal	U. S. Naval Postgraduate School

	<u>Visited</u> <u>Army Units</u>
General Jaakko S. Simelius, Commander in Chief, Finnish Defense Force	
Honorable Paul R. Ignatius, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations & Logistics	Army Units
ADM H. D. FELT, Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet	U. S. Naval Postgraduate School
General Oscar IZURIETA Molina, Commander in Chief, Chilean Army	Army Units
Lieutenant General Vademar Jacobsen, Chief of the Royal Danish Army	Army Units
VADM Robert GOLDTHWAITE, Commander Western Sea Frontier	U. S. Naval Postgraduate School
VADM H. A. YEAGER, USN, Commander Amphibious Force Pacific Fleet	U. S. Naval Postgraduate School

BIOGRAPHY OF CAPTAIN WILLIAM H. CRAVEN, JR.

William H. CRAVEN, Jr., was born in Rives, Tennessee, on 3 April 1918, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. CRAVEN, Sr. of Martin, Tennessee.

Captain CRAVEN attended the University of Tennessee; Junior College, Martin, Tennessee; and the Union University of Jackson, Tennessee, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1940.

Entering the Navy as an Aviation Cadet in the fall of 1940, Captain CRAVEN received his flight training at Pensacola, Florida, and earned his pilot's wings and commission as an Ensign in July 1941. Flight Instructor duty in Squadron Three at Pensacola followed until June 1943 when he joined Carrier Air Group NINETEEN. During a period of four years he served as Operations Officer, Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of Bombing Squadron NINETEEN aboard the aircraft carriers LEXINGTON, ENTERPRISE and ANTIETAM.

The Naval General Line School, Newport, Rhode Island, was attended in 1948 and duty with the Army Chemical Corps at Frederick, Maryland, followed. Back at sea he served aboard the USS MINDORO as Assistant Operations and CIC Officer, and then as Staff CIC and ECM Officer for the Commander, Second Fleet until 1954. His first duty in Washington, D. C. was as Head, Aviation Electronic Program Section of Aviation Plans, Office of Chief of Naval Operations. A second command was obtained in 1956 as Commanding Officer, Utility Squadron ONE which was followed by duty as Operations Officer on board the USS YORKTOWN. Back in Washington, D. C. in 1959 he served in the offices of the Chief of Naval Operations as Head of Airborne Surveillance and Reconnaissance Aircraft Requirements Section, Aviation Plans Division, before reporting as Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Air Facility, Monterey, California, in June 1962.

Decorations received by Captain CRAVEN include two Air Medals for combat air strikes during World War II from the carrier USS LEXINGTON (CV-16). As a member of Bombing Squadron NINETEEN he distinguished himself in air strikes against enemy shipping in the harbor of Chi Chi Jima in the Bonins and against enemy positions in Manila Bay. He also participated in numerous air strikes against shipping and enemy positions in Guam, Palau Islands and Iwo Jima. On 8 September 1944 he was shot down by enemy anti-aircraft fire over the Island of Pelelieu and rescued the same day by the USS Submarine GROUPE. In addition he wears the Presidential Unit Citation, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, China Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and the Philippine Independence Ribbon.

He is married to the former Catherine Cochrane of Greensboro, North Carolina. They have three daughters, Carolyn, a senior at Iowa State College, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Anne, a sophomore at Woman's College, Greensboro, North Carolina, and Patricia who is in High School.

Captain CRAVEN's hobbies include tennis, squash and golf, the latter receiving particular emphasis at this year-round golfing center.